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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: GT  
SUBJ: USGOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN GUATEMALA

REF: STATE 295620

1. REFTEL STATEMENT IS THOROUGHLY CONSISTENT IN ITS THRUST WITH  
OUR VIEWS HERE. FOLOWING REDRAFT INCORPORATES MINOR SUGGESTED  
CHANGES WHOSE EFFECT WOULD BE TO ALTER ORDER OF SOME PRIORITIES  
AND BROADEN SCOPE SOMEWHAT.

2. BEGIN SUGGESTED REVISION.

I. ENCOURAGEMENT OF PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO BELIZEDISPUTE  
--ENCORAGE GUATEMALA TO RESOLVE THE BELIZE DISPUTE PEACE-  
FULLY AND IMPRESS UPON GUATEMALAN OFFICIALS AND OPINION-MAKERS  
THE WISDOM OF A FLEXIBLE NEGOTIATING STANCE. (REVISED)  
II. PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES  
--SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE PRESIDENT LAUGERUD IN HIS RESOLVE  
TO GUARANTEE FREE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN 1978, AND  
INDICATE TO GOG OFFICIALS, MILITARY OFFICERS AND INFLUENTIAL  
LEADERS IN OTHER SECTORS OF SOCIETY US INTEREST IN A FREE  
AND OPEN ELECTION PROCESS. (REVISED)  
--MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH ALL LEGITIMATE POLITICAL GROUPS  
WHILE MAINTAINING STRICT US NEUTRALITY ON THE RESULTS OF  
THE ELECTIONS.

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--CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO IMPRESS UPON PRESIDENT LAUGERUD,  
HIS SUCCESSOR, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT  
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS CAN HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR  
RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ASSISTANCE EFFORTS.  
-- CONTINUE TO UNDERScore AND EXPLAIN HUMAN RIGHTS  
CONSIDERATIONS. (NEW)  
-- ENCOURAGE THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT, THROUGH OUR

ASSISTANCESPROGRAMS AND OTHERWISE, TO ALLOCATE ITS DOMESTIC RESOURCES SO AS TO IMPROVE THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THE POOR, PARTICULARLY IN THE INDIAN AREAS OF THE COUNTRY. (REVISED)

III. CUTATMALAN SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS IN WORLD FORA

-- ENCOURAGE GUATEMALA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS ON KEY ISSUES BEING CONSIDERED BY THE UNITED NATIONS, OAS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA, INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVED IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUA. (REVISED)

-- SEEK GUATEMALA'S SUPPORT FOR OUR HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ENCOURAGE COMPLETION OF RATIFICATION OF THE PACT OF SAN JOSE. (REVISED)

IV. MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE COMMERCIAL TIES AND RESOLUTION OF SHIPPING DISPUTE (REVISED)

--MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE US AND GUATEMALAN BUSINESS COMMUNITIES TO EXPLAIN US ECONOMIC POLICIES, TO PROMOTE US TRADE WITH GUATEMALAN AND TO ENSURE CONTINUED FIAR TREATMENT FOR US INVESTMENTS IN GUATEMALA. (REVISED)

-- SEEK AMICALBE RESOLUTION OF THE LONG-STANDING DISPUTE BETWEEN US AND GUATEMALAN SHIPPING LINES. (REVISED)

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